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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION CONCERNING RHODESIA AT EMBASSY

1. GROUP OF FOURAH BAY COLLEGE STUDENTS, ESTIMATED 150 TO 200, DEMONSTRATED OUTSIDE EMBASSY MORNING MARCH 21 FOR APPROX 15 MINUTES AS PART OF MARCH TO SEVERAL EMBASSIES AND VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO PROTEST MURDER OF ZANU LEADER CHITEPO AND ALLEGED US-UK COLLUSION. EMBASSY WAS SECOND ON LIST AFTER BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION. EMBASSY ADVISED HOUR EARLIER BY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE THAT PERMIT FOR MARCH HAD BEEN GRANTED AND MARCHERS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY POLICE WHO KEPT CROWD AT EMBASSY GATE AND UNDERREASONABLY GOOD ORDER. CROWD MOVED ON PEACEFULLY TOWARD VP'S OFFICE AFTER WAVING SIGNS, CHANTING, PAINTING EMBASSY EXTERIOR, AND OCCASIONAL THROWING OF TOMATOES, ORANGES AND EGGS, SOME OF WHICH HIT EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER WHO MET GROUP

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AT GATE. AS FINALE, GROUP BURNED PAPER BEARING REPLICA OF

HANDCLASP SYMBOL.

2. MAJORITY OF SIGNS DISPLAYED WERE PROTESTS AT CHITEPO DEATH AND CRITICISM OF BRITISH ALONE, WITH LESSER NUMBER CRITICIZING UK AND US JOINTLY AND OCCASIONAL ANTI-CIA ITEMS (E.G. "CIA YOU FAILED IN GUINEA-BISSAU AND MOZAMBIQUE. YOU MUST FAIL IN ZIMBABWE."). CHANTING IN FRONT EMBASSY WAS HALF "MUST BE FREE ZIMBABWE" AND HALF "DOWN WITH CIA."

3. GROUP LEADERS DEMANDED AMBASSADOR MEET THEM AT GATE. ADMIN OFFICER DECLINED BUT OFFERED CONDUCT SMALL DELEGATION TO AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE. OFFER DECLINED. SIMILAR PATTERN OCCURRED AT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION EXCEPT THAT ON DEPARTURE GROUHPANDED BRITISH HIGH COM OFFICER A LETTER TO HMG, WHICH NOT REPEATED AT EMBASSY.

4. NO DAMAGE TO EMBASSY OTHER THAN PAINT WHICH ALREADY REMOVED.
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